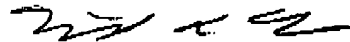


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**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections, objection, and the allowance of the current pending claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that the pending claims could be allowed with minor changes, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss an Examiner's Amendment. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the fees to undersigned's Deposit Account No. 09-0456. If any extensions or fees are not account for, such extension is requested and the associated fee should be charged to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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